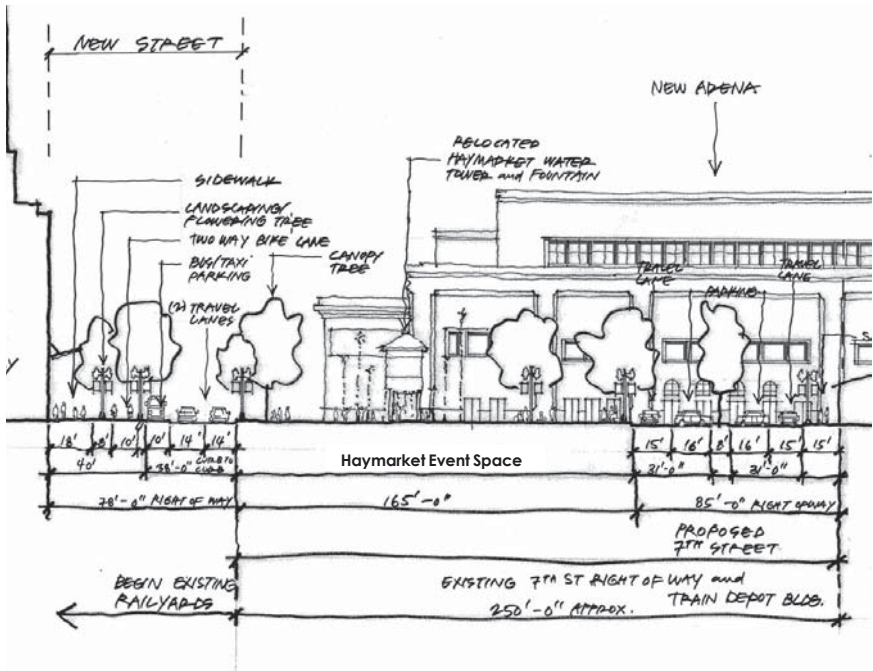


Haymarket Event Space

This area will serve as an entrance to and gathering place for Lincoln’s new convention center. Its location on 7th Street between Q and R provides access by both streetcar and bus transit.



Event Space Detail



Existing Haymarket Aerial



Proposed Haymarket Event Space Concept

Centennial Festival Space

This space will be the forecourt for a possible relocated Bennett Martin Public Library. Its location on Centennial Mall between M and N Streets provides a desirable space for Updowntowners sponsored events.



Updowntowners Annually-Sponsored July Jamm Festival



Existing Festival Space Area



Proposed Festival Space Concept

Parks and Open Spaces

As Lincoln grows in size and density, planning for future parks and open spaces becomes increasingly more important. Designed correctly, open spaces can create a setting that encourages further reinvestment while improving the appeal of the community, not only for those living or working downtown, but also for visitors.

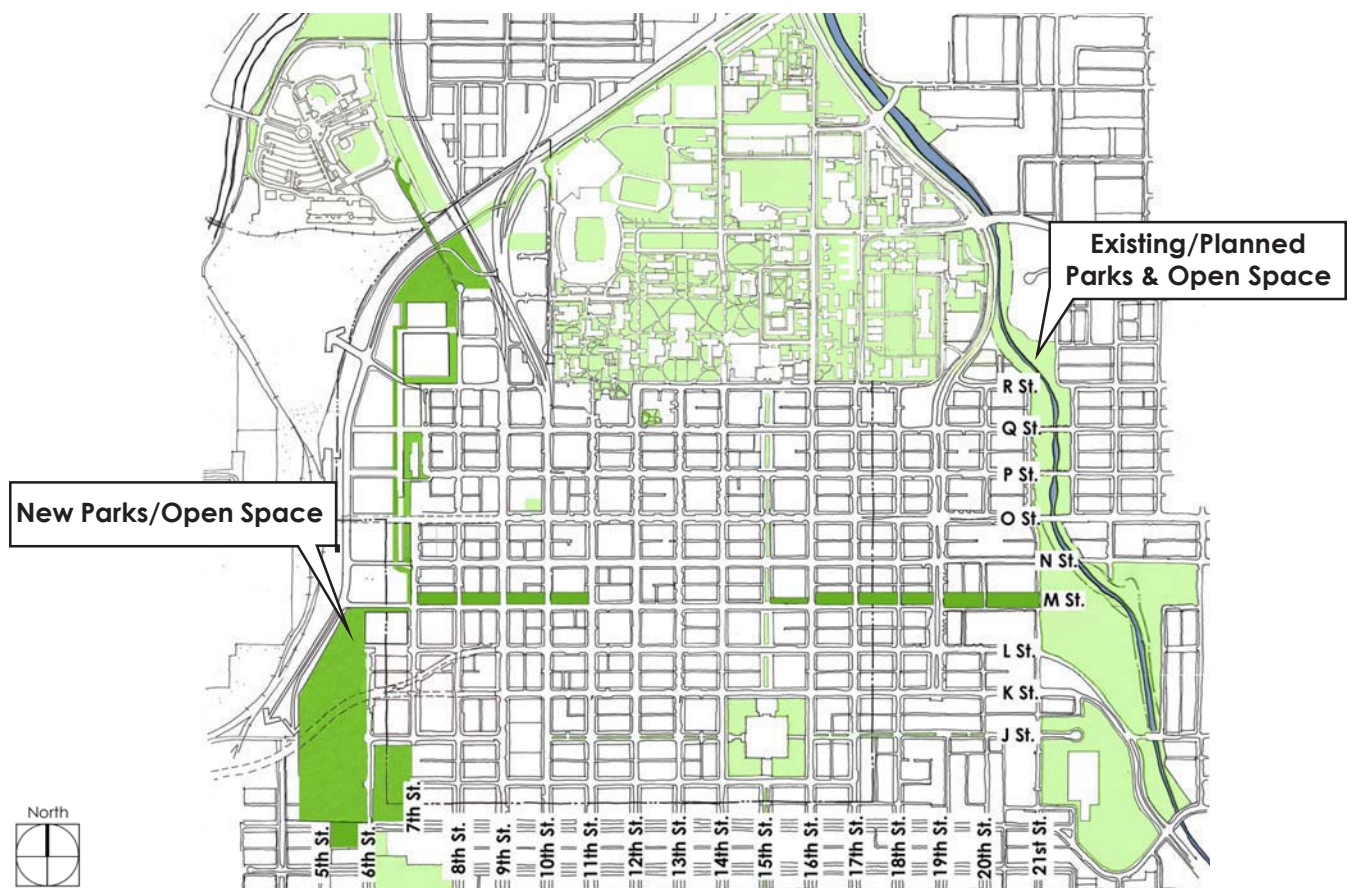
Lincoln has already invested in a number of existing and planned parks and open spaces. In addition, the quadrangles, paths, and open spaces on the UNL campus comprise an extensive system contributing to the overall character of the City. Integrating these spaces into one cohesive plan will provide Lincoln with a complete “green network.” This network will not only ensure the addition of new open spaces, but also will help to preserve and maintain what exists today.

The parks and open spaces framework describes a collection of new outdoor areas that:

- Are for public use.
- Are sited as a focus of activity and development, not relegated as leftover space.
- Are adaptable for a variety of activities, both active and passive.
- Can incorporate sustainable practices where appropriate.
- Are safe both day and night.
- When coupled with the off-street pedestrian/bicycle system, provide green off-street access to downtown attractors.
- Provide a green linkage to adjacent neighborhoods, including the Antelope Valley, the University of Nebraska campus and Haymarket Park.

Improvements and additions to Lincoln’s parks and open spaces network include M Street Park Blocks - M Street between 7th and 11th Streets and between Centennial Mall and 21st Streets.

- East and West Park Blocks – M Street between 7th and 11th Streets and between 16th and 21st Streets.
- Urban Park Blocks – M Street between 11th and 16th Streets.
- Centennial Mall – between R and K Streets.
- Railyard Park – on the west side of Downtown running north-south from H to M Street, and east-west from 4th to 6th Street.



Parks and Open Spaces Diagram

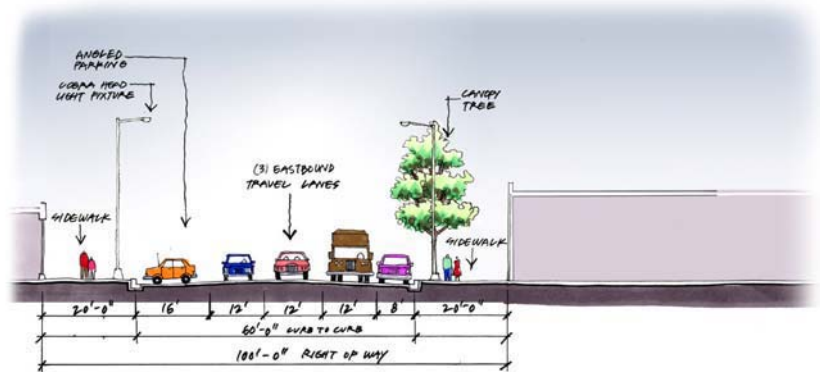
M Street Park Blocks

The Park Blocks are intended to provide a memorable, easily identifiable public open space for southwest and southeast downtown districts. The Park Blocks will:

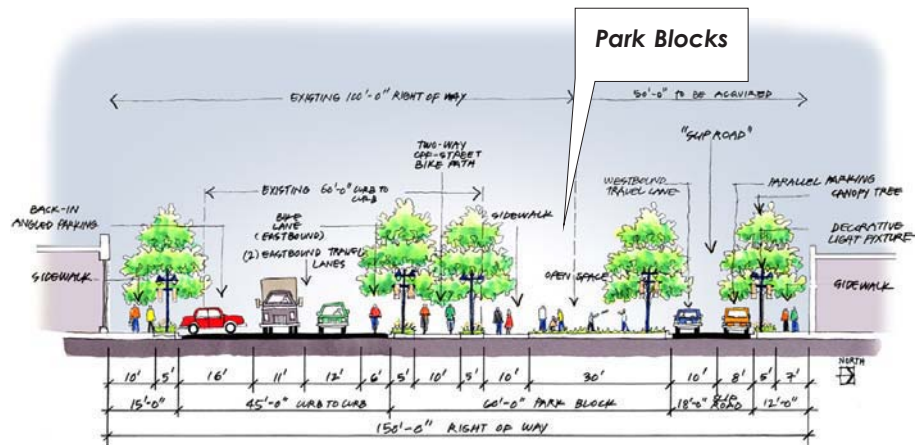
- Provide a focus and amenity for nearby redevelopment.
- Provide green linkages connecting major recreational parks in South Haymarket and Antelope Valley.
- Provide lawn areas for passive and active impromptu recreation opportunities.
- Include a multi-use (bike/ped) pathway.

The Park Blocks will require willing acquisition or dedication of approximately 50' of setback within existing private parcels. These Park Blocks:

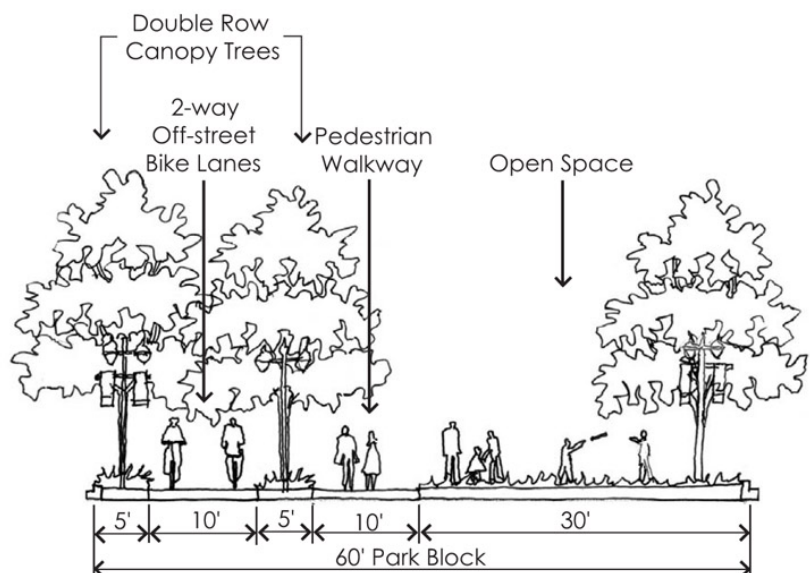
- Do not reduce the viability of development of any planned building type on adjacent parcels. Instead, they improve property values of adjacent parcels.
- Can be phased or added as parcels redevelop, although it is preferable that the Park Blocks are assembled and constructed in a single phase.
- Could require narrowing of existing M Street roadway facilities.



Existing M Street



Proposed M Street Park Blocks



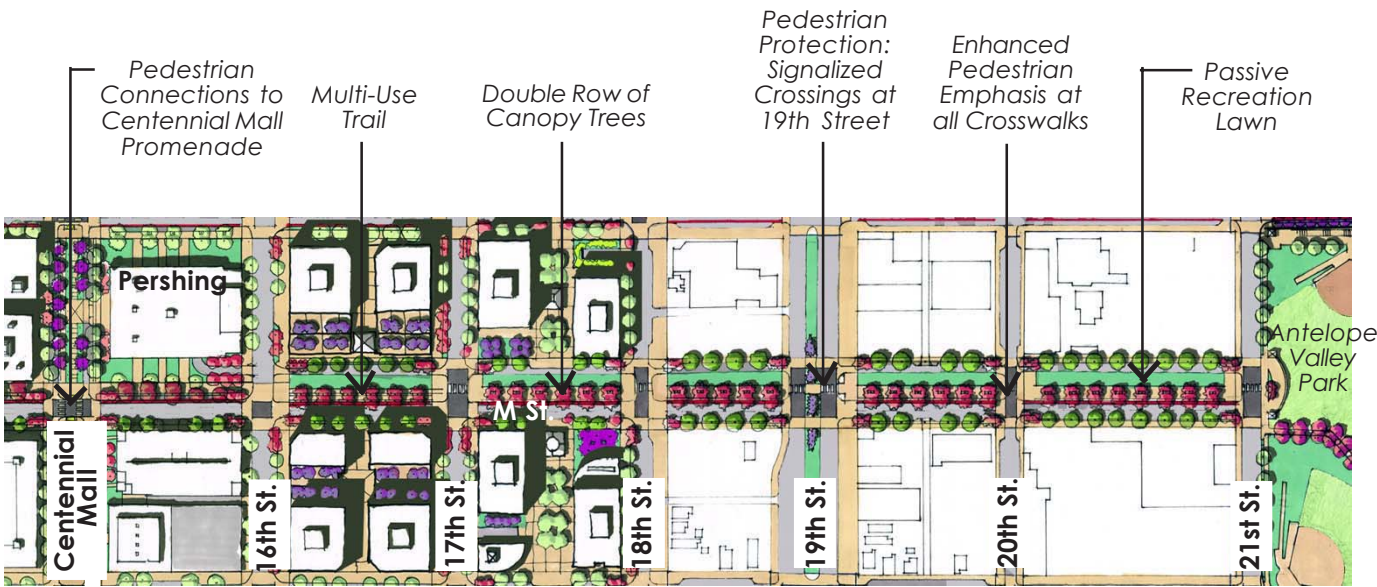
New M Street Park Blocks Sidewalk Requirements

M Street Park Blocks – East

Centennial Mall to Antelope Valley



M Street East Existing Aerial

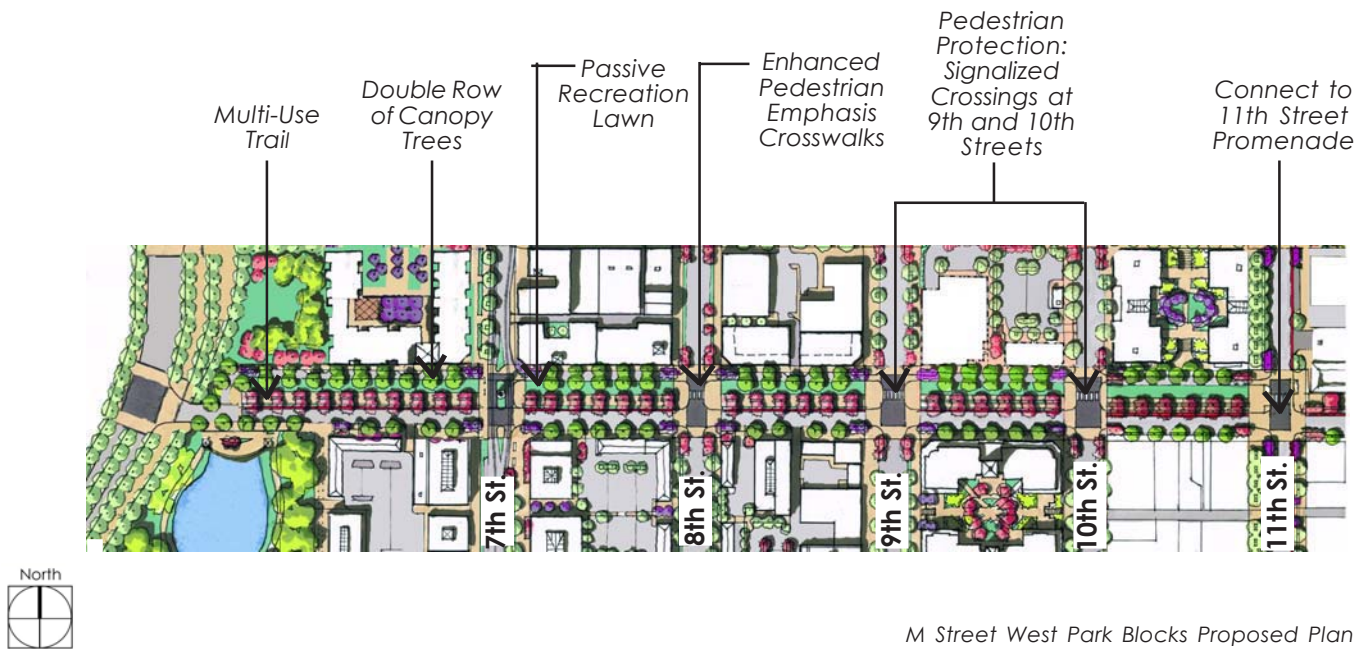


M Street East Park Blocks Proposed Plan

M Street Park Blocks - West
South Haymarket to 11th Street



M Street West Existing Aerial



M Street West Park Blocks Proposed Plan

Railyard Park

An active open space is planned for areas adjacent to and within the existing railyards. The Park:

- Currently exists on privately owned parcels. Willing acquisition of the park land would be required by public and private development entities.
- May include areas for water quality enhancement and stormwater retention.
- Would enhance adjacent planned residential development that should be oriented toward the park.
- Would include landscape buffers along proposed arterial roadways.



Site of Planned Railyard Park



Railyard Park Proposed Concept Plan

Arts and Cultural Corridor

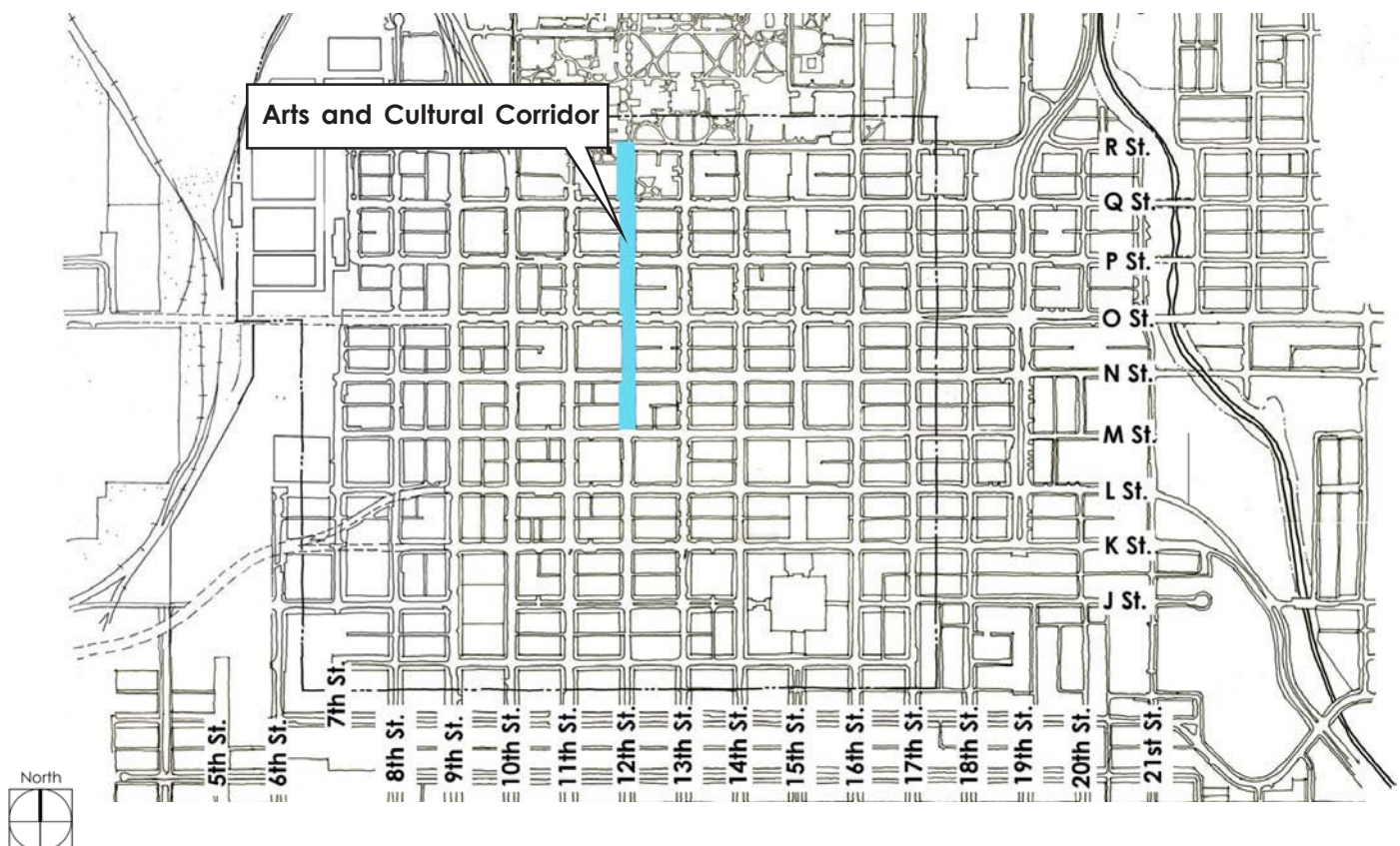
Beginning in 1996, the Downtown Lincoln Association, Lincoln Arts Council and the Mayor's office began developing ideas for a 12th Street arts corridor. The 12th Street Corridor Plan was created in conjunction with the "Imagine Art Here" workshop held on December 11, 2002. The corridor is intended to provide a signature street that promotes a public art, cinema and performance arts identity in downtown. The design should seamlessly knit together existing cultural, education, and non-profit institutions such as the Lied Center for Performing Arts, the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Southeast Community Center at Energy Square, the Douglas Grand Theater, the Great Plains Art Collection, the Lentz Center for Asian Culture in Hewitt Place, and the National Arbor Day Foundation. It encompasses five blocks

of 12th Street, from the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery on the University of Nebraska campus to the St. Paul United Methodist Church on M Street. The street would:

- Incorporate recommendations developed in the 12th St. Public Art Plan. (Not part of this Downtown Master Plan process.)
- Include development of murals or other facade enhancements on blank walls of buildings - most notably the western side of the Tier One Bank.
- Create an exuberant, memorable, and all-seasons landscape theme.
- Include sculpture, medallions or other art pieces.
- Minimize the visual impact of existing skywalk over 12th Street.



Arts Corridor in Portland, OR

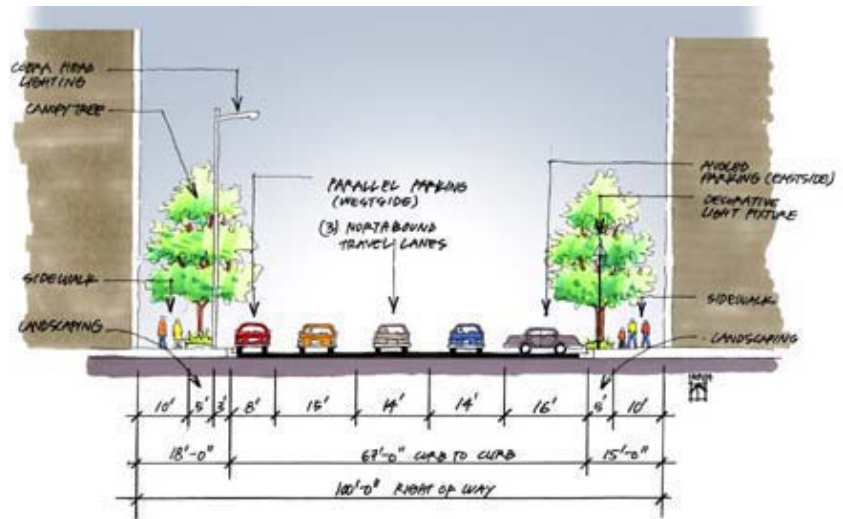


Arts and Cultural Corridor Diagram

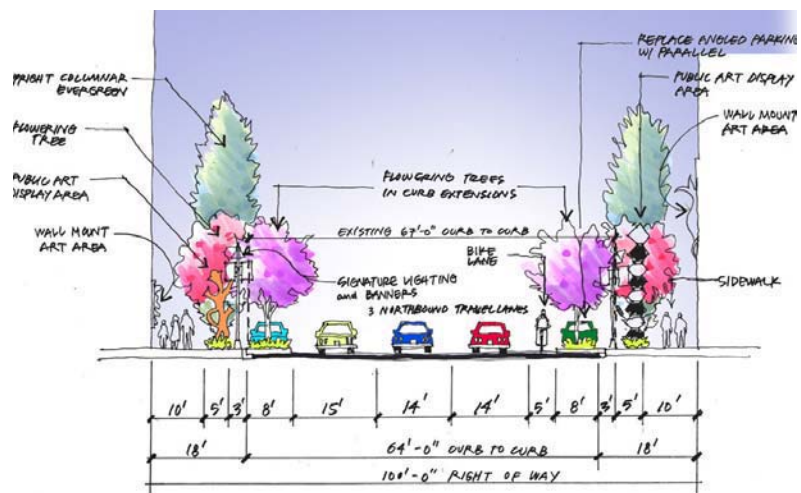
Arts & Cultural Corridor Design Elements

The 12th Street Arts and Cultural Corridor streetscape includes:

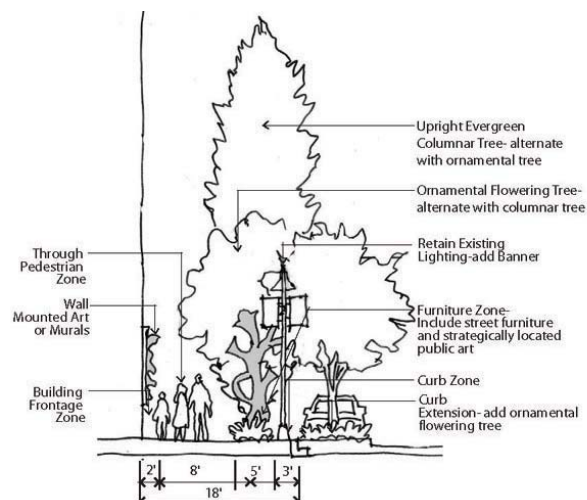
- **Distinctive Landscaping** – upright columnar evergreen trees for year-round color regularly spaced and interspersed with ornamental flowering trees.
- **High-quality sidewalks** – distinctively scored concrete.
- **Incorporation of artworks** – public art displayed in the sidewalk furniture zone or embedded into the paving itself.
- **Facade-applied art pieces** – on adjacent buildings and walls where appropriate.
- **Special lighting and banners** – ornamental pedestrian light fixtures with fitted banners.
- **New curb extensions eastside** – to include ornamental flowering trees.



Existing 12th Street Section



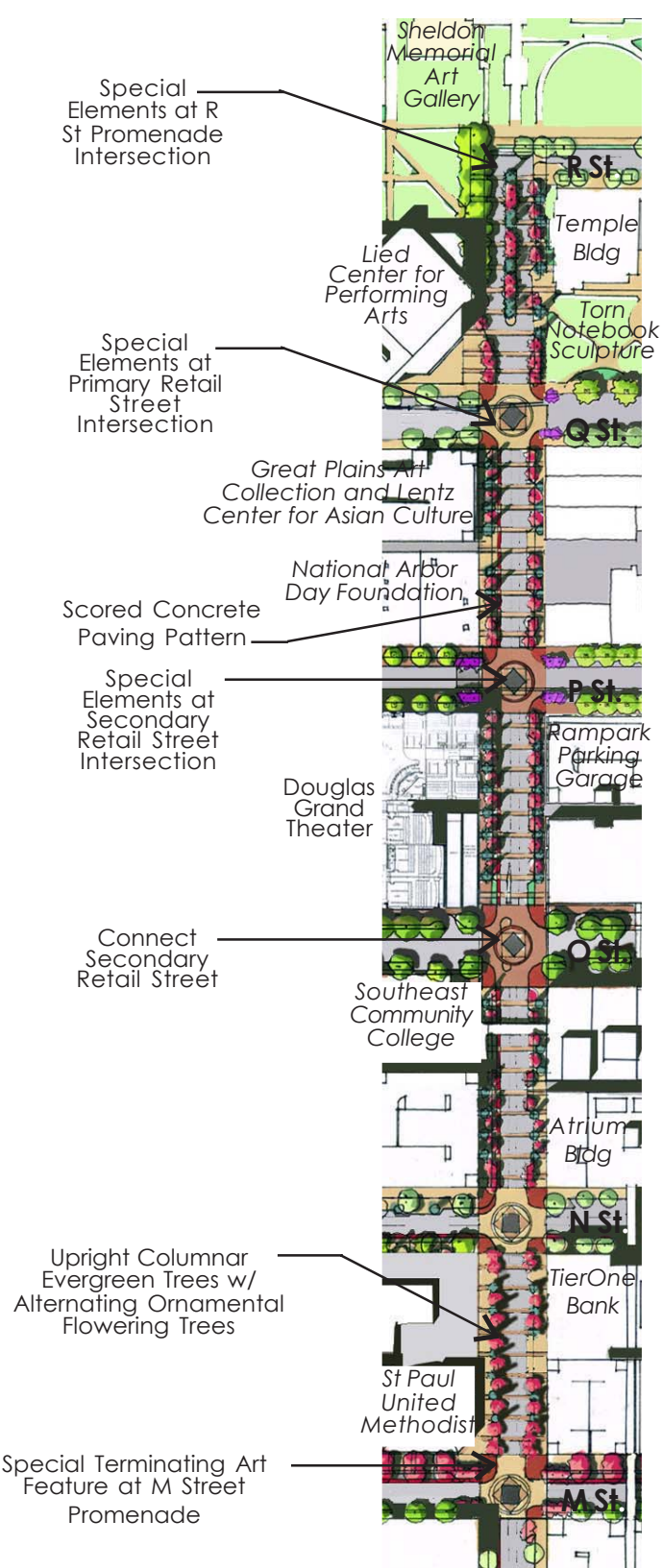
Proposed 12th Street Section



New 12th Street Sidewalk Requirements



12th Street Existing Aerial



12th Street Proposed Plan